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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**  
**MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME**  
**B.Sc DEGREE 2022/2023 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** MAT 228

**COURSE TITLE:** LINEAR ALGEBRA

**DATE:** 21/06/2023

**TIME ALLOWED:** 2½ HOURS    **CREDITS:** 3

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Attempt any four questions.

1. (a) Define the following:  
(i) vector space      (ii) linear combination (6 marks)
- (b) Determine whether the following sets are vector space under the given operations.  
 $(x, y, z) + (x', y', z') = (x + x', y + y', z + z')$ ,  
 $K(x, y, z) = (Kx, y, z)$ . (6 marks)
- (c) For which value of  $k$  will the vector  $u = (1, 2, k) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be linear combination of the vector  $V = (3, 0, -2)$  and  $W = (2, -1, 5)$ . (5.5 marks)
2. (a) Define the following:  
(i) Basis      (ii) Dimension (2 marks)
- (b) Find the Basis and Dimension of the following homogeneous system: (10 marks)  
$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 2z - s + 3t &= 0 \\x + 2y + 3z + s + t &= 0 \\3x + 6y + 8z + s + 5t &= 0\end{aligned}$$
- (c) Define linear dependence and independence of a vector. Hence, determine whether  $(1, 2, -3)$ ,  $(1, -3, 2)$ ,  $(2, -1, 5)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are linearly dependent or not. (5.5 marks)
3. (a) Define a linear transformation. Hence, let  $T$  be the function that maps  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , such that  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2, 2xy)$ . Prove or disprove that  $T$  is a linear transformation. (10.5 marks)
- (b) Define a singular matrix. Hence verify whether matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is singular or not. (3 marks)
- (c) Define the following: (i) Linear combination (ii) Spanning sets (4 marks)
4. (a) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  spanned by  $u_1 = (1, 2, -1, 3, 4)$ ,  $u_2 = (2, 4, -2, 6, 8)$ ,  $u_3 = (1, 3, 2, 2, 6)$ ,  $u_4 = (1, 4, 5, 1, 8)$ ,  $u_5 = (2, 7, 3, 3, 9)$ . Find a subset of the vectors that form a basis of  $W$ . (7 marks)
- (b) Reduce the following matrix to a lower triangular matrix and hence obtain its determinant: (7.5 marks)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Prove that if any two rows (or columns) of square matrix  $A$  are identical, then  $\det(A) = 0$ . (3 marks)
5. (a) Prove that if two rows (or columns) of a square matrix  $A$  are interchanged to produce matrix  $B$ , then the  $\det(B) = -\det(A)$ . (7 marks)
- (b) For every square matrix  $A$ , Prove that  $|A^T| = |A|$ . (4 marks)
- (c) Find the inverse of the matrix (6.5 marks)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. (a) Define the following: (i) Eigenvalues (ii) Eigenvector (iii) Spectrum (iv) Spectral radius. (4 marks)
- (b) Given that the eigenvalues of matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  are  $\lambda = 6$  and  $\lambda = -1$ , find the corresponding eigenvectors of  $A$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Given the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & 10 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ . (10.5 marks)